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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 19, 1865.

Read twice, referred to the Committee on Commerce, and ordered to be printed

Mr. WASHBURNE, on leave, introduced the following bill:

**A BILL**

To revive certain provisions of the act entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifteen, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That the first sentence of the second section of the act enti-  
4       tled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties  
5       on imports and tonnage," approved March three, eighteen  
6       hundred and fifteen, to wit: "That it shall be lawful for any  
7       collector, naval officer, surveyor, or inspector of the customs,  
8       as well in any adjoining district as that to which he belongs,  
9       to stop, search, and examine any carriage or vehicle, of any  
10      kind whatsoever, and to stop any person travelling on foot,  
11      or beast of burden, on which he shall suspect there are goods,

12 wares, or merchandise which are subject to duty, or which  
 13 shall have been introduced into the United States in any man-  
 14 ner contrary to law ; and if such officer shall stop any goods,  
 15 wares, or merchandise on any such carriage, vehicle, person  
 16 travelling on foot, or beast of burden, which he shall have  
 17 probable cause to believe are subject to duty, or have been un-  
 18 lawfully introduced into the United States, he shall seize and  
 19 secure the same for trial," be, and the same is hereby, revived and  
 20 made perpetual; and every such beast of burden, carriage or  
 21 vehicle, together with the teams or other motive power, and  
 22 all the appurtenances used in conveying such goods, wares,  
 23 or merchandise, shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture in  
 24 like manner as is by law now provided in regard to such  
 25 goods, wares, and merchandise; and all fines, penalties, and  
 26 forfeitures recovered under this act, or in consequence of such  
 27 seizures, shall be disposed of as is provided in other cases by  
 28 the ninety-first section of the act entitled "An act to regulate  
 29 the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," approved  
 30 March three, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine; and the  
 31 last proviso of said ninety-first section is hereby repealed.

1        SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the power and  
 2 authority given to collectors, naval officers, and surveyors, by  
 3 the sixty-eighth section of the said last-mentioned act, be,  
 4 and the same are hereby, extended to inspectors of the cus-  
 5 toms ; and any officer or other person entitled to or inter-

6   ested in a part or share of any fine, penalty, or forfeiture,  
7   incurred under this or any other law of the United States,  
8   may be examined as a witness in any of the proceedings for  
9   the recovery of such fine, penalty, or forfeiture by either of  
10  the parties thereto, and such examination shall not deprive  
11  such witness of his or her share or interest in such fine, pen-  
12  alty, or forfeiture.